

# 2005 Guide To Subsidized Housing





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# Answers About Subsidized Housing

## What is subsidized housing?

Subsidized housing is a federal program designed to reduce the rental housing costs for low-income individuals and families. The government pays a portion of the rent to the landlord for eligible households.

### Who qualifies?

Qualified individuals are 62 years or older, and/or disabled. A married couple qualifies as long as one spouse meets the age and/or disability requirement.

## What are the income guidelines?

\*There are three sets of annual income guidelines:

Extremely low: \$13,500 for an individual

\$15,450 for a couple

Very Low Income: \$22,500 for an individual

\$25,700 for a couple

Low Income: \$36,000 for an individual

\$41,150 for a couple.

**Check with Lincoln Housing Authority for latest figures.** 

#### What is considered income?

Income is defined as Social Security, Railroad Retirement, private pensions, wages, and interest on savings or investments. There is no limit on the total amount of financial assets per person.

# How much rent will be charged?

The rental amount is approximately 30% of total annual income, after deducting out-of-pocket medical expenses for the past year.

#### Are utilities included in the rent?

In some subsidized units, the utilities are included in the monthly rent. In others, the tenant has to pay, but the amount of rent is reduced to defray some of the cost of utilities.

\* Please note that the specific information contained in this guide, such as names, telephone numbers, and dollar amounts, are current as of March, 2005 and are subject to change.

# **Lincoln Housing Authority Apartments**

5700 "R" Street Lincoln, NE 68505 (402) 434-5500

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Lincoln Housing Authority owns and manages two buildings exclusively for senior citizens: Burke Plaza and Mahoney Manor. Applications are made through Lincoln Housing Authority. No Section 8 certificate is required to live in these housing units.

Burke Plaza Contact:

6721 "L" Street Lincoln Housing Authority

Lincoln. NE 68510 434-5500

90 one-bedroom units

One year lease, deposit required

Age limit is 62 years or disabled (Persons 62 years and older have priority)

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

**Elevator** 

Pets permitted, deposit required

Community room

On bus route

Income guidelines: \$36,000 individual

\$41,150 couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list.

Mahoney Manor Contact:

4241 North 61st St Lincoln Housing Authority

Lincoln, NE 68507 434-5500

120 efficiency, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units

One year lease not required; 15-day notice; \$150 deposit

Age limit is 50 years and older (Persons 62 years and older have priority)

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

Elevator

Pets permitted, deposit required

Community room

Income guidelines: \$36,000 individual

\$41,150 couple

# Section 8 Program

Lincoln Housing Authority administers the Section 8 Program. Under this program, you apply for a Section 8 voucher that proves your eligibility for the subsidy, and permits you to select and negotiate for your own rental unit in the community. Housing Choice vouchers are issued for apartments, houses, and mobile homes. Your family size determines the voucher need. There is a waiting list. Section 8 Program uses income guidelines of \$22,500 for an individual and \$20 for a couple.

#### **Lincoln Housing Authority - 434-5500**

### **Private Apartments Accepting Section 8 Vouchers**

Aspen Haus Contact: available

1500 Knox **US Property Management** No pets permitted

Lincoln. NE 68521 475-8776 Community room; storage

On bus route

30 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units Income guidelines \$22,500 individual

4 units are wheelchair accessible \$25,700 couple

One year lease, deposit required Rent without subsidy is available, call for

Age limit is 62 years or older current amounts

Laundry facilities

Elevator

Pets permitted; fish or up to 2 birds

Community room **Crossroads House** Contact:

1000 "O" St Garages Lincoln Housing

On bus route Authority

Lincoln, NE 68508 Income guidelines: \$22,500 one-bedroom 434-5500

\$25,700 two-bedroom 58 one-bedroom units

Rent without subsidy is available, call for current amounts

Tenant pays electricity (units are all-electric)

6-month or one year lease, deposit required

Contact: Age limit is 55 years or older Capitol Hill

Paid utilities Will/Pam Wilson 477-

1801 "J" Street 7036 Laundry facilities

601 South 18th St Elevator **Bruce Comey** 476-6829

Lincoln, NE 68508

Community room Parking available \$25 monthly 43 one-bedroom units in each building; 86

units total On bus route

One year lease, deposit required Income guidelines: \$27,000 individual

Age limit is 55 years or older \$30.840 couple

Rent without subsidy is available, call for Paid utilities Laundry facilities

current amounts

3 units are wheelchair accessible

Cats allowed, \$300 deposit

Elevator; steps into building, but ramp is

**Charles Senior Housing Contact:** 

1933 "G" St **Bob Brockmeyer** Cell: 730-3496 Lincoln. NE 68510

9:00 - 5:00

38 one-bedroom units

5 units are wheelchair accessible

One year lease, 1 month rent deposit

required

Age limit is 62 years or older

Tenant pays electricity (units are all-

electric)

Laundry facilities

Elevator

Cats are permitted

Community room; security system

On bus route

Income guidelines: \$22.500 individual

\$25,700 couple

Rent without subsidy is available, call for

current amounts

81 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units

30-day lease, deposit required

Age 19 and older

Tenant pays electricity; tenant receives

electricity allowance Laundry facilities

**Stairs** 

No pets permitted

On bus route

Income guidelines: \$22.500 individual

\$25,700 couple

Rent without subsidy is available, call for

current amounts

This complex frequently has a waiting list

**Lincoln Manor** Contact:

2626 North 49th St Jackie Fieselman

Lincoln, NE 68504 466-6213

26 efficiency, 27 one-bedroom, and 2 two-

bedroom units

One year lease, deposit of one month's

rent required

Age limit is 62 years (or younger disabled)

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

Elevator

Small pets permitted, \$100.00 deposit

required

Community room

On bus route

Income guidelines: \$22.500 individual

\$25,700 couple

Rent without subsidy is available, call for

current amounts

This complex frequently has a waiting list

**Mercy Western Manor** 2210, 2130, 2200, &

2300 West "Q" Street

Lincoln, NE 68528

Contact: Marsha Detmer

477-3512

**Portia Place Townhomes** Contact: 3401-3539 Portia Street **US Property Mngmnt** 

Lincoln, NE 68521 475-8776

Ages 19 and older

32 two-bedroom, three-bedroom, and fourbedroom units, 4 handicapped accessible units

Deposit required

Tenant pays gas and electricity; Portia pays

water and trash

Washer and dryer hookups

**Stairs** 

Attached garages

Income guidelines: \$36.000 two-bedroom

\$41,150 three-bedroom

Rent without subsidy is available, call for

current amounts

President/Ambassador Contact:

1330 and 1340 Lincoln Mall Concord Mngmnt

Lincoln, NE 68508 476-0086

Resident Manager 474-4606

56 efficiency and 28 one-bedroom units 5 units are wheelchair accessible

One year lease, \$225 deposit required

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

Elevator

No pets permitted **Community room** On bus route

Income guidelines: \$22.500 individual

\$25,700 couple

Rent without subsidy is available, call for

current amounts

Rudge Memorial Contact:

1810 "E" Street **Bob Brockmeyer** 

Lincoln, NE 68508 Cell:730-3496

35 one-bedroom units

One year lease, deposit required of \$250

Age limit is 62 years

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

Elevator

Small pets allowed; list of allowed pets

available; \$100 deposit required

Community room On bus route

Rent without subsidy is available, call for

current amounts

# Other Apartments in Lincoln

The following apartment buildings are also subsidized through the federal government. If you are interested in renting, please call the contact listed. You do not need to contact Lincoln Housing Authority to rent any of the following apartments.

Paid utilities Elizabeth Stabler Contact: Laundry facilities 2000 North 28th St **US Property** 

Mnamnt

Elevator

Pets permitted Lincoln, NE 68503 475-8776 **Community room** 

27 efficiency and one-bedroom units Income guidelines: \$36.000 individual

2 units are wheelchair accessible \$41,150 couple

One vear lease

Age limit is 62 years or mobility impairment **Fairfield West Townhouses** Contact: only

231 Fairfield **US Property**  Mngmnt 3621 N. 3rd & 3741 Chadd Ct. Lincoln, NE 68521

475-8776

Ages 19 years and older
50 two-bedroom and three-bedroom units,
4 handicapped w/ ramp
Lease and deposit required
Tenant pays gas and electricity
Washer and dryer hookups
Stairs
On bus route

On bus route Attached garages

Income guidelines: \$22,500 individual \$25,700 couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

Garden Apartments Contact: 3500 and 3512 Portia US Property

Mngmnt

Lincoln, NE 68521 475-8776

Ages 19 years and older
23 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units, 1
handicapped, lower level
One year lease, deposit required
Tenant pays gas and electricity
Laundry facilities

Stairs

Small pets permitted; 2 birds or fish accepted

On bus route

Income guidelines: \$36,000 individual

\$41,150 couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

Glenbrook Townhouses Contact: 1600 Knox Street & US Property

Mngmnt

3458 Portia Street 475-8776

Lincoln, NE 68521

Ages 19 years and older
90 two-bedroom and three-bedroom units
Lease and deposit required
Tenant pays gas and electricity
Washer and dryer hookups
Stairs

On bus route

Income guidelines: \$36,000 individual

\$41,150 couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

Mercy North Glen 1501 and 1503 Knox St 3205, 3303, 3305, 3307, 3235, and 3237 Portia

Lincoln, NE 68521

Contact: Marsha Detmer 477-3512

One-bedroom and two-bedroom units
One year lease, deposit required
Tenant pays gas and electricity

Laundry facilities

**Stairs** 

Small pets permitted; 2 birds or fish

accepted only On bus route

Income guidelines: \$22,500 individual

\$25,700 couple

Rent without subsidy is available, call for

current amounts

This complex frequently has a waiting list

LEW Housing for the Elderly Contact:

1700 "J" Street US Property

Mngmnt

Lincoln, NE 68508 475-8776 or

Resident Manager 474-4003 Julie Wynegar

105 one-bedroom units

One year lease, deposit required

Age limit is 62 years or older

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

Elevator

One small pet is permitted

**Community room** 

Free surface parking available, \$25.00

underground parking only

On bus route

Income guidelines: \$36,000 individual

\$41,150 couple

Malone Manor Contact: 737 North 22nd St Kim Brown Lincoln, NE 68503 476-8895

Age limit 62, or disabled 50 one-bedroom units

5 units are wheelchair accessible

One year lease, 30-day notice, deposit

required Paid utilities Laundry facilities

**Elevator** 

Pets are permitted On bus route Community room

Income guidelines: \$22,500 individual

\$25,700 couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

**Huntington Park** Contact:

4000 Huntington Del Dearborn 466-7515

Lincoln, NE 68504 Tues., Thu., Fri., 8:00am-12:00pm

40 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom units

4 units are wheelchair accessible

One year lease, 30-day notice, deposit

required

Tenant pays utilities; tenant receives

utilities allowance Laundry facilities

Elevator

Pets are permitted - Deposit required

On bus route Community room

Income guidelines: \$22,500 individual

\$25,700 couple

Plaza V Contact:

705 South 18th Street Ann Galloway, 477-9526 Lincoln, NE 68508 Mobile Phone, 890-5455

33 one-bedroom and two-bedroom units

One year lease, deposit required Age limit is 62 years or older

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

Elevator

Pets permitted; fish or birds

On bus route

Parking; covered or uncovered available

Non-smoking units are available

Income guidelines:

\$22,500 individual \$25,700 couple

Tabitha Village Contact: 841 & 843 South 47th St Lincoln, NE 68510 486-8595

112 one-bedroom units and 16 twobedroom cottages Lease and deposit required Age limit is 62 years or older Paid utilities

Laundry facilities Elevator

On bus route

Pets permitted; list of allowed pets

available, deposit required

Income guidelines: \$22,500 - Individual

\$25,700 - Couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

Union Manor Apartments Contact: 5211 Calvert Street Cheryl

Crawford

Lincoln, NE 68506 483-4504

56 one-bedroom units

6 units are wheelchair accessible
One year lease; deposit required

Age limit is 62 years or older

Paid utilities
Laundry facilities

Elevator

Pets permitted; list of allowed pets

available

Community room On bus route

Income guidelines: \$22,500 individual

\$25,700 couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

The Raymond Phillips Senior Manor 2951 North 5th Street

Lincoln, NE 68521

**Contact:** US Property Management

475-8776

21 one-bedroom units

2 units are wheelchair accessible One year lease; deposit required

Age limit is 62 years or mobility impaired

only

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

No stairs or elevator; facility is all on one

level

**Pets permitted** 

Income guidelines: \$36,000 individual

\$41,150 couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

Walter Apartments Contact: 5501 Sea Mountain Road Elizabeth

**Payne** 

Lincoln, NE 68521 435-3632

100 one-bedroom units

4 units are wheel chair accessible

throughout

Lease and deposit required Age limit is 62 years or older

Paid utilities

Laundry facilities

**Elevator** 

Pets permitted; list of allowed pets

available

Community room

On bus route

**Income Guidelines:** 

\$22,500 - Individual

\$25,700 - Couple

This complex frequently has a waiting list

# Other Apartments Outside of Lincoln

Hickman Elderly Housing Contact:

100 Fence Rock Court Taryn Long Hickman, NE 68372 489-2333

> 22 one-bedroom units 2 units are wheelchair accessible One year lease; deposit required Age limit is 62 years or older

Paid utilities
Laundry facilities

No stairs or elevator; facility is all on one level

One small pet permitted

Income guidelines: \$22,500 individual

\$25,700 couple

North Meadows Contact:

11141 North 137th Street Philmoore Company

Waverly, NE 68462 (402)496-1376 (Omaha)

14 one-bedroom units, 8 two-bedroom units

One year lease

Age limit is 62 and older or younger disabled

Tenant pays electricity and gas

Laundry facilities

No stairs or elevators; facility is all on one level

One small pet permitted; deposit required Income guidelines: \$36,000 individual

\$41,150 couple

#### Checklist can help guide decision to move

Should I stay or should I move? That's a question many older people ask at some point. If you find yourself there, you probably already know that making a decision can be difficult.

Housing consultants strongly recommend that you consider many factors before moving. First, ask yourself what it is that you really want. Do you have health problems that limit your choices? Do you need to live close to relatives and friends?

Moving from a home that you've lived in for years can be an emotional experience. It's best to weigh all the factors carefully before making your decision. Here are some questions that can help:

#### Know what you really want

- ◆ Do you prefer living in a rural, suburban, or urban area? Do you want to stay in the neighborhood you're now in? Is it safe?
- ♦ How important is it to live near public transportation, a grocery store, a drug store, and other frequent destinations?
- ♦ Do you need or want to live close to friends and relatives?
- ♦ If you stay in your current home, will you use all the space you have?
- ◆ If you move, do you want to live in housing that's build exclusively for older people? Or do you want to live in housing for people of all ages?

#### Health/social concerns

- ◆ Do you have health problems or physical limitations that make staying in your current residence difficult? How much maintenance can you handle? Does your home make you feel tied down?
- ♦ If you stay where you are, can you get more help from family members, neighbors, and friends?
- ◆ Can you do things to your home to make it move livable, such as adding grab bars, or remodeling your bathroom or kitchen?
- ♦ If you stay in your current home, will you be able to get out as often as you wish? Do your neighbors represent a support system to you?
- ◆ If you stay in your home but can't get out, will you be visited often enough by friends and relatives? If not, will you be able to obtain visits from senior companions or other volunteers?
- ◆ Are your friends or family worried about you staying in your current home? What do they suggest? What would you be forced to leave behind if you moved into senior housing?

#### **Finances**

- How much are you currently spending on housing, including mortgage payments, insurance, utilities, and property taxes? How much are you willing to spend in another location?
- ◆ If you move, do you want to rent or own your housing unit?

#### When touring a building

If you decide to move and plan to tour senior housing, here are some questions to consider on your visit:

- Do you like the location or the neighborhood?
- ◆ Is there adequate parking? Is a garage unit available if you need one?
- ♦ Is the general atmosphere of the building warm and pleasant? Are staff members or the manager easy to talk to?
- ♦ What amenities such as library, exercise room, crafts room, beauty/barber shop, chaplaincy or convenience store are important to you? Are these amenities offered in separate rooms?
- If there a variety of activities fo you to participate in?
- Are there extra storage areas?
- ♦ Do the hallways have good lighting and is it easy to use them?
- ◆ Does the living unit you're considering provide you with adequate privacy? Do the unit's design features fit your needs for example, wide doors? Is there an emergency call system in the unit? Are there plenty of storage areas? Is there adequate counter and shelf space in the kitchen?
- ♦ How many, if any, meals are served? Are meal choices offered and special diets accommodated?
- Does the building offer special transportation for shopping or medical appointments?
- ◆ Are housekeeping and laundry services available? Are on-site home-health services available? What are the charges for extra services?
- ♦ If you have a pet, are pets permitted? If you like to garden, are there garden plots available?
- ♦ Is there a resident council through which you can have a means of voicing your views on the management of the building?
- ♦ Who is the sponsor/owner/management company? Are you familiar with the company? Does it have a solid reputation for providing quality housing?

- ♦ What are the initial costs? Is there an entrance fee or deposit, and is it refundable?
- ♦ What are the ongoing costs? What are the monthly payments? What do those payments cover?

**Further Assistance?** 

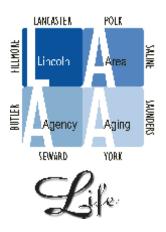
# Do you have additional questions or concerns? Do you need assistance?

#### Please call us!

LIFE is a publicly funded human service organization which specializes in aging, elder care, and retirement concerns. We serve older people, families, and the public.

LIFE welcomes opportunities to answer questions about the Lincoln Area Agency on Aging and benefits. We can help you select and arrange services. Our specially trained counselors can discuss personal circumstances and share over 25 years of experience.

If we can be of further assistance, please call



402-441-7070 or call toll-free 800-247-0938